

Weekly Status and Information Report: Week of September 12-15, 2011

Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of September 19, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee (meeting scheduled for September 20 has been canceled)

- Board of Elections meeting, Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room

- Ethics Commission meeting, Thursday, September 22, 8 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

Old Doors/New Worlds Concert Tonight: Old Doors/New World's Premiere concert will be held tonight, Friday, September 16, at 8 p.m. in the Takoma Park Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. An in-depth collaboration full of exhilarating surprises and rich chemistry, Old Doors/New Worlds features internationally-respected performers from Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Manhattan, and Maryland synthesizing their disparate genres... creating something NEW! Tickets \$20 at the door.
<http://www.OldDoors.org> *(Housing and Community Development)*

Credit Management Classes Begin Next Week - Free to Takoma Park Residents: Join us for a two part series on the subject of CREDIT. You will learn how credit started, how to establish credit if you don't already have it, how you can improve your credit skills and how to repair your credit report. The first class will be this Wednesday, September 21, from 7-9:15 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center, located at 7500 Maple Avenue. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is required by calling 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Art and Aging: The Beautiful Hills of Brooklyn: The "We Are Takoma" fall lecture series kicks off next Thursday with "Beautiful Hills of Brooklyn." Film and discussion on art and aging with playwright Ellen Cassedy. Thursday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. This is a free event. For details, check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=219496414766319 *(Housing and Community Development)*

"Laugh it Up, Funny Girl" Next Saturday: "We are Takoma" presents actor-vocalist Gia Mora and pianist-composer Charlie Barnett in a highly caffeinated evening of music and storytelling guaranteed to crack you up. LAUGH IT UP, FUNNY GIRL follows the life of one single gal living and loving in the age of internet dating, online stalking, and digital surveillance. Featuring three new songs by Charlie Barnett! Saturday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. Free event / Suggested donation \$15. For details, check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=240614415981793 *(Housing and Community Development)*

Montgomery County Homeowners - Save October 1 for Foreclosure Prevention Counseling: Talk to certified housing counselors and attorneys at the Foreclosure Prevention event which is being sponsored by Montgomery County and the Office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park located at 506 S. Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg. The event will be held on Saturday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to have a counselor start working for you. All services are free of charge. For more information call 240-777-3602. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Montgomery County Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate Program: Montgomery County has obtained approximately \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to sponsor energy rebates to county homeowners. The program offers an incentive of up to \$3,000 to offset the cost of certain energy efficient projects and products, such as attic sealing, wall insulation, the purchase of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, Energy Star appliances and water heating tanks. The program is available on a first come, first served basis to owner-occupied primary residences, including condominiums. Rebates cannot be retroactive for products already purchased. For further information and to complete the application on-line, go to www.mcenergyfunding.com. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Election Judge Applications Still Being Accepted: The deadline for receipt of applications for service as an

election judge for the November 8, 2011 City Election has been extended to noon on Tuesday, September 20. Application forms may be obtained online at http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/election/2011/ab_app_fillable_2011.pdf or from the City Clerk -- call 301-891-7267 or e-mail JessieC@takomagov.org . *(City Clerk)*

Winter Basketball League Volunteers Needed: Are you looking for a way to support youth in the City? Volunteers are needed for the 2012 Winter Basketball season. We are looking for spirited and dedicated people to volunteer as coaches, game clock attendants, and score keepers. No experience is necessary as training is provided. For additional information on how to volunteer please contact Lew McAllister at 301-891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org . *(Recreation)*

"Go Deep" Flag Football Program - Time is Winding Down: There are still spaces available for this popular after school program. Don't miss out on the opportunity to show your skills and the chance to "Go Deep." Flag Football is a free program, but registration is required. Starts Wednesday, September 28 and is open to all girls and boys ages 8 - 13. For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/> or call 301-891-7284. *(Recreation)*

Youth Tennis Clinic - Starts Tuesday: The Fall Tennis Clinic will begin on Tuesday, September 20. The program will be held on the tennis courts behind Takoma Park Middle School. All registered participants should remember to bring their racquet and a water bottle. If you do not own a racquet, the Recreation Department will provide one for use during the clinic. See you next week! Clinic times: Ages 7-9 (3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.) and ages 10-13 (4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.). *(Recreation)*

Outdoor Street Hockey: This fun, fast paced after school activity provides youth the opportunity to get out and play. Games are played on foot with a special ball made for street hockey. The program will be held on the Outdoor Basketball Courts next to the Takoma Park Community Center. Outdoor Street Hockey is a free program, but registration is required. Starts Thursday, September, 29 and is open to all girls and boys ages 8 - 13. For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/> or call 301-891-7284. *(Recreation)*

Takoma Park Men's Basketball League - Bring your "A" Game: Are you living in or near Takoma Park and love playing basketball? Come join Takoma Park's adult men's basketball league. Teams will play 8 regular season games and every team will qualify for the playoffs. Entry fee is \$575 per team and all members must be 21 and over to participate. League begins October 2, 2011; all games are played on Sunday mornings at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave). Register your team today!! For more information please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290 or 301-891-7289. *(Recreation)*

Takoma Park Recreation Center: The Center hosted the New Hampshire Gardens Civic Association meeting on Wednesday, September 14. This meeting was well attended by community members and served as an opportunity to showcase the Recreation Center and some of the program opportunities that are available. *(Recreation)*

Facelift for the Restrooms at the Rec Center: On September 16, the Takoma Park Recreation Center received a facelift when the walls were painted by DC Start. The results greatly enhance the appearance of the restrooms. *(Recreation)*

The Senior Connection: Sue Dollins, Executive Director, and Marcia L. Custer, Community Development Director, of the Senior Connection of Montgomery County, came to the Senior Room, Takoma Park Community Center on Tuesday, September 13, for a presentation on the services this organization provides for seniors. Takoma Park seniors were thrilled to hear about these services, especially free transportation provided by volunteers to medical appointments and grocery shopping. *(Recreation)*

Seniors Enjoy a Lake Tour: On Thursday, September 15, Takoma Park seniors traveled by Recreation Bus to Black Hills Regional Park in Boyds, Maryland. Seniors boarded the Kingfisher pontoon boat for a one-hour, naturalist-led tour of the scenery and wildlife of the 505-acre Little Seneca Lake, followed by a picnic by the lake. *(Recreation)*

Online "Toys:" Check out the Library's newest online "toys" for kids and adults! Just go onto our website: www.takomapark.info/library and look for the "Online Resources" box at the right-hand top of the page. There are five separate new "toys" to play with. Click on the first arrow in the box (under "Books, Magazines and Newspapers") and you'll find three new reading resources: Tumblebooks for Children, which has storybooks for children up to ages 9 or so; then Tumble Readables, online e-books for kids and young adults; and Audiobookcloud, a great source of streaming audiobooks. Click on the second arrow in the box (under "Learning and Research Tools"), and you'll find Little Pim, an online language learning game for children ages 1-5, and Mango, a program for older children and adults. We are extremely grateful to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for providing the funding to get us started on this new venture. *(Library)*

Writer's Rock! Three children's novelists will talk about their work and then sign their books at the Library's "Writer's Rock!" program on Monday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The trio of authors - Tami Lewis Brown, Katy Kelly, and Uma Krishnaswami - are local authors or have ties here, but all are nationally known. For those interested, books will be available for purchase by cash, check or credit card, courtesy of Politics & Prose Bookstore. Our program is best for kids ages 5 up and adults, and registration is encouraged. To register, go to www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call us at 301-891-7259. Thanks to the Friends for sponsoring this program. *(Library)*

Summer Quest Party: This coming Monday, September 19, at 7 p.m., we'll host our annual Summer Quest party to wrap up another successful summer reading program. Anyone who has participated during the Summer Quest program is welcome to attend, but registration is required so we can be sure to have enough cupcakes, lemonade and free books for all who attend. To register, go to www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call us at 301-891-7259. Thanks to the Friends for sponsoring this program. *(Library)*

Community Read Out: The Library is hosting its second annual Community Read Out, in honor of Banned Books Week, on Saturday, Oct. 1 in the Community Center Auditorium. The event will begin at 10 a.m., and will conclude with a pizza lunch for all attendees in the Azalea Room at noon. As we did last year, we will focus the Read Out on children's picture books and novels. We are looking for readers, so if you'd like to read, contact Karen MacPherson, children's and teen librarian, at karenm@takomagov.org or 301-891-7262. But you're most welcome to just come and listen as we celebrate some wonderful books that people in other communities have tried to ban. Registration is required so we can be sure to have enough pizza; to register, go to www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call us at 301-891-7259. Thanks to the Friends for sponsoring this program. *(Library)*

College Bound: Our popular College Bound series returns on Tuesday evenings in September and October. Dr. Herm Davis will kick off the series on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. with a comprehensive discussion of financing college. Davis is a consultant for Peterson's financial publications and author of "College Financial Aid for Dummies." Camille Scott will speak on Tuesday Oct. 4, about Montgomery College and community college programs in general, and the series will conclude on Oct. 11, with Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre who will give an overview of the college selection process. Please register for these programs, which are free and open to all. register, go to www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call us at 301-891-7259. Thanks to the Friends for sponsoring this series. *(Library)*

Multi-Jurisdictional Cooperation: On Sept. 13, Chief Ricucci attended a multi-jurisdictional meeting with Montgomery County Police, Prince George's County Police and the Prince George's County State's Attorney. *(Police)*

Community Outreach Officer (PFC. Carla Magnaye) Report:

On Sept. 10, the Takoma Park Police Department, in partnership with the MD/DC Anti-Car Theft Committee, hosted a V.I.N. Etching event and also allowed citizens to enroll in the "Watch Your Car" program and immediately receive the program decals that need to be affixed to vehicles.

V.I.N. Etching is a countermeasure to motor vehicle theft. It most commonly involves the use of a stencil and glass etching paste to etch a vehicle's vehicle identification number (VIN) onto the windshield

and windows. Thieves would need to replace the glass before selling the stolen vehicle, thus reducing or eliminating their profit. VIN etching can increase the odds of recovery of car by police.

The Watch Your Car program is a national vehicle theft prevention program funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice. It is a voluntary vehicle registration program designed to deter auto theft and assist in the apprehension of auto thieves. Vehicle owners sign an agreement stating their vehicle is not normally used between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. If a police officer observes the vehicle being driven anywhere in the United States during these hours, they may stop the vehicle and verify the vehicle owner is operating it, or a person designated by the owner.

On Sept. 11, the Community Outreach Officer provided materials at the Folk Festival. *(Police)*

Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (September 2-15, 2011) may be viewed online at:

http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/09/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_16.html. *(Police)*

Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 168 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, seven vehicle impounds and one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic. During September 7-16, 2011, the following details were completed:

September 7, 2011

- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued seven State citations.

- 900 block of East West Highway (passing school bus) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.

September 8, 2011

- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued three State citations.

- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations for speed and two other State citations.

September 9, 2011

- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued four State citations for speed and three other State citations.

September 12, 2011

- East West Highway at Kentland Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.

- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

- 7400 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued six State citations for speed and two other State citations.

- Ethan Allen Avenue at Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations.

- Manor Circle at Ethan Allen Avenue (violation of official signs) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued

no citations or warnings.

- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations for speed and one other State citation.

September 13, 2011

- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and three warnings.

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

- Ethan Allen Avenue at Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued 14 State citations and one warning.

- Takoma Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued nine State citations.

September 14, 2011

- New Hampshire Avenue at Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.

- Ethan Allen Avenue at Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued 13 State citations and one warning.

- Takoma Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued nine State citations.

September 16, 2011

- 4th Avenue & Westmoreland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

- Flower Avenue at Piney Branch Road (miscellaneous violations) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

(Police)

Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes) for the Week of September 9 - 15, 2011:

Calls for service: 7

State Citations issued: 84

City tickets: 12

Reports: 6

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 1

Warnings: 3

Court: 3 hours

(Police)